

## MINUTES OF THE FORT HOOD RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING

1. The 13 January 2011 meeting of the Fort Hood Retiree Council convened at 1200 hrs at Club Hood, Fort Hood Texas.

### 2. Membership Attendance:

#### a. Members Present:

GEN (Ret) Griffin, Co-Chairman  
COL (Ret) Oliver Jr., Assoc. Member  
COL (Ret) Portmann, Member  
CW3 (Ret) Hanger, Member  
SGM (Ret) Lopez, Member  
Msgt (Ret) Wood, Member  
SFC (Ret) Evans-Quickley, Member

CSM (Ret) Minosky, Co-Chairman  
COL (Ret) Somera, Member  
LTC (Ret) Woodward, Member  
CSM (Ret) King, Jr. Member  
1SG (Ret) Fisher, Member  
SCPO (Ret) Lubasky, Member

#### b. Members Absent:

MG (Ret) Meyer, Assoc. Member  
COL (Ret) Gauer, Member  
CSM (Ret) Kitterman, Member  
Mrs. Greathouse, (Widow) Member

3. The Co-Chairman, GEN (Ret) Griffin called the meeting to order and welcomed the council. GEN (Ret) Griffin introduced and acknowledged our guest, Mrs. Marlean C. Druce, Installation Adjutant General. GEN (Ret) Griffin in his opening remarks stated he is very happy to be the Co-Chairman. He is committed to retirees, Family members, and the Fort Hood and Central Texas community. He said the council may realize the need to move in new areas that were not formerly a concern while continuing to improve quality of life and benefits for all retirees and their Families. He asked that council members speak up and provide feedback. GEN (Ret) Griffin also stated the III Corps Cdr, LTG Cone, had been invited to the next Retiree Council meeting. Issues/concerns of retirees and Family members can be brought to the meeting.

### Topics of discussion for this meeting:

- Chief of Staff, Army Retiree Council. A formal announcement of CSM (Ret) King's selection to the Chief of Staff, Army Retiree Council for four years was made. CSM (Ret) King will attend the CSA Retiree Council meeting 18-22 April 2011.
- Retiree Appreciation Day AAR was reviewed and discussed by the council. Below comments and recommendations were made:
  - CRDAMC Health Fair: Excellent event and service. Recommend to continue same format and services next year. Recommend to add to AAR a notation of the outstanding service provided by CRDAMC staff.
  - Clear Creek Commissary Dinner: Another outstanding event. AAR annotated that event should be provided at Phantom Warrior Center next year to

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accommodate the large number of participants and also clarify the invitees in the newsletter (Retiree and their Family members with a Dependent ID Card).

- Legal Services: Excellent services provided. Legal Services continues to provide outstanding services. Recommend that an alternate location be looked at to provide easier access or provide powers of attorney only at an alternate location in addition to legal services for easier access. GEN (Ret) Griffin asked SFC (Ret) Evans-Quickley and Mrs. Waller to discuss with legal possible alternative courses of action.
  - Council Member AAR contributions. Council members were tasked to certain events to provide overall assessment of events and suggested improvements/concerns. Their AAR comments were not all incorporated in this formal AAR but will be used in planning next year's event. The comments have been rolled up in a separate document and will be provided at future meeting for discussion.
  - The council voted unanimously to accept the Retiree Appreciation Day AAR with stated additions and be staffed for Chief of Staff, III Corps approval.
- Proposed Candidates for Council Membership. Three candidates were proposed for council membership. The biographies of LTC (Ret) Mike Hilliard, LTC (Ret) Pat Christ, and CSM (Ret) Stan Small were reviewed and discussed by the council. Discussion was brought up that a junior grade retiree (SGT/SSG) be looked at for future membership. Council agreed this should be considered in the future when looking at new candidates. GEN (Ret) Griffin challenged the council that all members were responsible for finding new candidates. The council voted unanimously to approve all three candidates for membership of the Fort Hood Retiree Council.
  - Individual Council Member Updates.
    - Health Care Advisory Council Update. COL (Ret) Portmann provided a quick update. The Refill Pharmacy expansion at Clear Creek PX is to be completed in February. It will expand from two to four windows. 150 parking spaces are being added at the hospital. Three off-post clinics will open in Copperas Cove, Harker Heights, and Killeen. Cove and Heights should open in March. Killeen's will be later as it has to be built. GEN (Ret) Griffin asked about areas of concern in the medical benefits area. Council discussion included that the pharmacy has gotten better as have other areas. GEN (Ret) Griffin asked COL (Ret) Portmann and Mrs. Waller to gather data on healthcare issues and concerns and report back with information. Notable issues/concerns could be brought to LTG Cone's attention if needed and also keep the council abreast of healthcare issues in the area.
    - Volunteer Activities. LTC (Ret) Woodward provided a quick update. Relay For Life will kick off on 6 May 11. Red Cross is looking for Caremobile

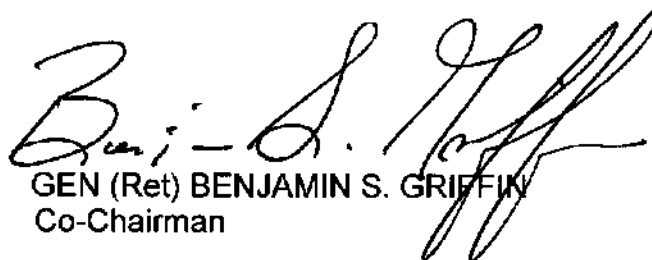
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drivers for the hospital. There is a local volunteer program called "RSVP" (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) that is looking for volunteers. LTC (Ret) Woodward also added that the Volunteer program on post also has plenty of volunteer activities for retirees and their Family members.

- oAAFES Council Update. COL (Ret) Somera provided an update on AAFES activities. COL(Ret) Somera provided fliers and calendars for upcoming AAFES sales. New Post Exchange still up in the air. There is funding; however they are still working on a location. Number one issue with AAFES from retirees is prices. It used to be parking, but parking has been approved. AAFES does do price match but there is still confusion on how it works. GEN(Ret) Griffin asked that the AAFES Manager be invited to a future council meeting to provide information and update on AAFES.
- oCommissary Council Update. CW3(Ret) Hanger provided an update on upcoming commissary activities. Warrior Way Commissary will be changing floor tile in March/April timeframe. Although the commissary is prepared, this may cause some disruption in shopping.
- oFort Hood Recreational Areas Update. 1SG(Ret) Fisher reported that the lack of handicap accessibility for the fishing area at BLORA had been fixed. He wanted to commend BLORA staff for reacting so quickly to fix the problem.


4. Closing Remarks were made by GEN (Ret) Griffin and the meeting was adjourned.

5. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, 20 April 2011(T), Location: Club Hood, Executive Room.



GEN (Ret) BENJAMIN S. GRIFFIN  
Co-Chairman

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